

Meanwhile back at the ranch . . .

As of late June, affairs are percolating at Dresbach's Davis farm house renamed Yolo House (e.g, news account dated June 28, item 2, to the left), but the town still does not appear to be laid out. The landscape remains pretty much as it was depicted in 1858, shown below.

At the pre-dawn hour of 4 A. M. on Monday, May 25, the editor of the *Yolo County Democrat* set out to test the then newest and claimed-to-be **fastest** way to travel from Woodland to San Francisco: horse-drawn coach from Woodland to Suisun with connecting steamer to San Francisco.

A horse trail south from Woodland (there was as yet no county road), came to a small bridge across Putah Creek at the Davis farmstead.

Even though the railroad was approaching Suisun, the editor remains tentative about what is happening at the Davis farm. This includes the reports that the location of the railroad depot is still being surveyed and the name of the new place might be "Veranda City."

YOLO COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

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THE NEW ROUTE.—The new line of stages established by M. Cutler & Bro., running between Woodland and Suisun, and connecting at the latter place by steamer to San Francisco, has already proven itself a public benefit, and many are availing themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for speedy and convenient travel and communication. Accepting an invitation from Cutler to pass over the route, we chartered a comfortable seat in one of his elegant coaches, to which was attached a spirited team in charge of Hackney, a careful and accommodating "knight of the whip," and started from Baker's Hotel at 4 o'clock on Monday morning.

The road from this place to Putah Creek passes over one of the richest portions of the county, and is skirted on either side by vast fields of grain which present a prospect of one of the most abundant and valuable harvests ever garnered in any part of the world. At the crossing of Putah creek, on the Solano side, a station is kept by J. H. Shuman, who, in company with other enterprising citizens, is preparing to survey a plot for the depot of the Solano and Yolo Railroad. This point will probably be the terminus of the proposed railroad for some years to come, and will be of easy access to the farmers of rich and extensive agricultural tracts in both counties. The prospective settlement here is, we believe, to be called "Veranda City."

